Introduced by Senator Brulte

February 25, 2000

An act to amend Section 25203 of the Government Code, relating to county litigation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 2120, as introduced, Brulte. County litigation.

Existing law requires a county board of supervisors to direct and control the conduct of litigation in which the county, or any public entity of which the board is the governing body, is a party. By a $^2/_3$ vote of all members, the board may employ counsel to assist the district attorney, county counsel, or other counsel for the county or entity in the conduct of litigation.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes in these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 25203 of the Government Code 2 is amended to read:
- 3 25203. The board shall direct and control the conduct
- 4 of litigation in which the county, or any public entity of
- 5 which the board is the governing body, is a party; by. By
- 6 a two-thirds vote of all the members, the board may
- 7 employ counsel to assist the district attorney, county
- 8 counsel, or other counsel for the county or entity in the
- 9 conduct of such those actions; provided, however.

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- 1 However, that the board may authorize county officials,
 2 who are not attorneys, to initiate and conduct litigation
 3 in small claims court on behalf of the county.